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which 13 were Chinese; one was rejected probably for tuberculosis; effects of crew were disinfected by steam. When the ship was empty the cargo compartments were fumigated for the destruction of vermin, and rat guards were maintained on the wharf lines while she lay at dock.

Plague death rate in Calcutta in 1903 and 1904.

While the death rate from plague in this city for the past week was only about one-fourth as high as for the corresponding period last year, and the same relative proportion has existed for several weeks, the curve for this year thus far is practically parallel with that of last year, but about three weeks behind it. The ultimate height which may be attained can only be told in the future.

Death from plague at College Hospital—Laboratory plague work suspended.

Last week at a necropsy one of the students of the College Hospital contracted plague from which he died. The laboratory of this hospital is the only one in which plague work has been done since my arrival and there all of my work has been conducted. The superintendent has issued orders for the destruction of all plague cultures and has prohibited all further work along that line. No accidents have occurred in the laboratory this year, but I am informed that last year one attendant suffered from careless handling of an infected gland. There are a few cases in the ward for my observation to which it seems that my investigation of the disease must be limited.

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, March 14, as follows: During the week ended March 12, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples and Palermo:

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Mar. 9	Liguria	New York	997	49	1,010	11
9	Republic	Boston	1,523	90	1,819	37
10	Patria	New York	999	50	1,225	23
10	Neckar	do	1,857	150	2,543	21
10	Citta di Milano	do	1,343	70	1,265	16
10	Regina Elena	do	898	35	1,117	7

PALERMO.

Mar. 6	Attivita	New York	145	30	350	22
7	California	do	187	50	300	21